of product support are constantly pursued with the ovendors and the Russian Government on a continuous basis. Problems relating to product support are resolved through mutual discussions and through diplomatic channels.

Utilization of scientific manpower by DRDO

2472. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the third largest scientific and technical manpower in the world, including DRDO;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that people in India derive hardly any benefit from the size of the manpower, including DRDO;

(c) whether the technologies developed by the huge manpower are not utilized and the taxpayer's money goes waste; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and whether Government propose to review its unfruitful policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) There is no authentic statistics available in this regard. However, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) holds 6812 scientific and 10959 technical manpower.

(b) No, Sir. Science and technology has been used as an effective instrument for the socio-ecnomic development of the country. The output of Science and Technology has benefited the society and improved the quality of life. The technologies developed by DRDO *viz.* Missiles, Radars, Battle Tanks, Electronic Warfare System, Combat Vehicles, Armaments and Explosive, Life Support systems etc. have been used by all the three Services, other security services and spin off to the society as well.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.